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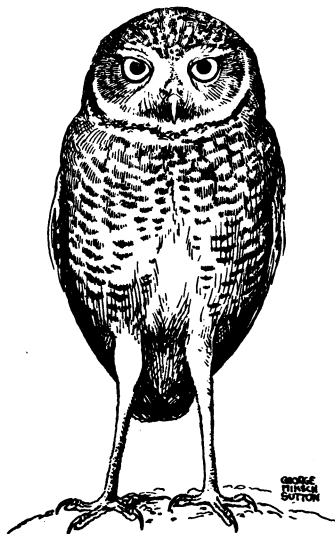
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GAMBEL SPARROW

Adult
Immature

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

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ANI-THE RARE TROPICAL BIRD

W. LeRoy Wilcox

While vacationing this winter in Florida, I made another trip over to Okeechobee in the Kissimmee region in company with Douglas Fisher, an ornithologist, and Walter Stickler, a noted photographer. I have made many birding trips with each of these men. Okeechobee Lake and the surrounding territory is noted for its bird life and is traveled each year by the Audubon Wildlife Tours. Herons, Ibis, Cranes, and Lempkins are found in great numbers.

On each of my trips to this noted region, I have had the pleasure of meeting one of America's outstanding ornithologists, lecturer and author, Mr. Alexander Sprunt. His last book, just off the press, "Birds of North Carolina" is outstanding. On this occasion, as we were about fifteen miles from Okeechobee City, I saw a station wagon filled with people leisurly driving along. As we passed, I recognized my good friend, Alex, so stopped and had a nice visit.

That evening at the Southland Hotel, Alex told me of a rare tropical bird called the "Ani" that was nesting for the first time in our country and he thought that I should see it and make a picture, if possible. As a bird lover, nothing is more exciting to me than the prospect of seeing a rare bird.

The place was Clewiston, Florida, about fifty-two miles from Okeechobee City. Next morning, bright and early, we started for Clewiston, which meant a drive of 104 miles, but what is a hundred miles to a bird lover? I remember at one time driving 1300 miles to make a picture of Pileated Woodpeckers. On the way, we saw hundreds of White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Snowy Egrets, Wood Ibis, Wards Heron, Little Blues, Green Heron, Bittern, Night Herons, Gallinules, Coots, Sora Rail, Solitary Sandpipers, Sandpipers, Turkeys, and Black Buzzards, as well as Caracara Hawks, Laughing Gulls, Ringbill Gulls, Herring Gulls, Brown Pelicans, Sand Hill Cranes, Water Turkeys, Comorants, and Lempkins. On this trip we identified 67 birds.

We had been instructed to call upon Mr. Merritt at 708 Palm Ave. at Clewiston. We found Mrs. Merritt at home and she very kindly gave us directions, insisting that we come back if we didn't find them. She said she would give us other locations where she had seen the Ani birds. In fact, she said

there were about a dozen birds in the flock and that they seemed to be very tame. She described the Ani bird to be about the size of a Boat Tail Grackle, having a dull back with a head like a parrot and a tail like a Cuckoo. She said they sat up straight and that their tails hung straight down. They seemed to fly slowly and laboriously. She advised that they could be easily identified from a Grackle by their manner of flight.

We were told also to go along a row of Date Palm trees, since the birds feed on palm nuts and on sugar cane. We drove a mile along the sugar cane fields and past the Date Palms, but no Ani birds. After an hour of careful search, we went back for more instructions and were directed out another road along a canal. This trip also proved fruitless. It was noon, so we took time out for lunch before going back to see Mrs. Merritt. During our absence, she had heard the Anis in the neighborhood. It was clouding up fast and beginning to sprinkle and we feared we were out of luck again after three hours of searching.

This time, Mrs. Merritt very kindly went along with us. Within a block of her home she saw two Ani fly into a palm tree. I grabbed my movie camera and started for the tree. I took pictures at 100 feet and then started to close in. Finally, I got to within 30 feet before they took flight. While I was taking the picture, several more birds came flying by. It was really too dark to take a picture, but I sure was going to try after so much work. I opened my camera wide and took eight frames per second. To date, the film has not been developed, but I really don't expect much.

Roger Tory Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds* puts the Ani in the Cuckoo Classification. I can see no similarity whatsoever. This bird has a Parrot like bill and head. However, while the tail is long like a Cuckoo, it is held straight down like a Parrot's.

I have always found throughout the country that people who love birds are willing to help others. We owe our success entirely to Mrs. Merritt. She also told us where we could see Lempkins. They are very difficult to see unless one is out on the lake in a boat. She directed us, while looking for the Ani, to go by some reeds. In one minute up flew four Lempkins.

So ended another eventful birding trip at Okeechobee Lake.

205 Sunderland Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SUMMARY
OF
BIRD MIGRATION IN NEBRASKA

Part 4 - Birds of Prey
William F. Rapp, Jr.

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura septentrionalis Wied.

Brady (2)	Feb. 18, 1948	Mar. 5, 1949
Brule (3)	Apr. 2, 1947	May 9, 1948
Fairbury (9)	Feb. 6, 1926	May 21, 1933
Hastings (4)	Apr. 21, 1935	May 10, 1941
Omaha (11)	Apr. 11, 1948	June 16, 1935
North Platte (2)	May 13, 1941	June 4, 1939
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Mar. 23, 1935	
Red Cloud (2)	Mar. 29, 1930	May 24, 1936
Stapleton (4)	Mar. 22, 1949	June 26, 1944

Mississippi Kite

Ictinia mississippiensis (Wilson)

Bladen (1)	May 12, 1948
Hastings (1)	May 14, 1944

Eastern Goshawk

Astur a. atricapillus (Wilson)

Hastings (1)	Mar. 11, 1928
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Sharp-skinned Hawk

Accipiter v. velox (Wilson)

Bladen (2)	Jan. 1, 1949	Jan. 4, 1947
Brule (3)	Feb. 8, 1947	May 9, 1948
Chadron (2)	Feb. 12, 1948	Feb. 27, 1949
Fairbury (15)	Jan. 6, 1948	May 26, 1936
Hastings (13)	Jan. 1, 1931	May 18, 1940
Lincoln (4)	Mar. 6, 1927	May 6, 1928
North Platte (5)	Jan. 2, 1939	June 12, 1941
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Feb. 3, 1935	
Omaha (10)	Jan. 1, 1927	May 4, 1928
Red Cloud (2)	Mar. 12, 1934	May 3, 1936
Stapleton (5)	Jan. 20, 1943	May 5, 1940

Cooper's Hawk

Accipiter cooperi (Bonaparte)

Bladen (4)	Jan. 23, 1946	Mar. 18, 1947
Brule (3)	Jan. 1, 1948	Mar. 1, 1947

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Fairbury (13)	Jan. 3, 1938	May 26, 1936
Hastings (5)	Jan. 21, 1933	May 10, 1941
Lincoln (3)	Mar. 24, 1943	May 1, 1937
North Platte (6)	Jan. 2, 1939	May 4, 1947
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	May 26, 1936	
Omaha (7)	Jan. 1, 1942	June 23, 1935
Red Cloud (2)	Mar. 20, 1938	Apr. 9, 1939
Stapleton (6)	Jan. 18, 1946	May 16, 1948

Eastern Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo b. borealis (Gmelin)

Aurora (1)	May 5, 1949	
Bladen (3)	Mar. 12, 1949	Apr. 16, 1947
Blue Springs (1)	Mar. 19, 1949	
Brule (3)	Jan. 1, 1949	Feb. 12, 1948
Chadron (1)	Mar. 1, 1949	
Fairbury (15)	Jan. 1, 1948	May 12, 1936
Hastings (20)	Jan. 1, 1929	May 14, 1944
Lincoln (11)	Jan. 8, 1944	May 25, 1935
North Platte (4)	Feb. 20, 1936	May 15, 1937
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Jan. 13, 1935	Mar. 29, 1936
Omaha (15)	Jan. 1, 1944	May 2, 1930
Red Cloud (9)	Jan. 6, 1942	May 8, 1938
Stapleton (12)	Feb. 4, 1940	May 20, 1947
Superior (1)	Apr. 10, 1927	

Krider's Hawk

Buteo borealis krideri Hoopes

North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Jan. 9, 1936
Stapleton (1)	Apr. 18, 1940

Harlan's Hawk

Buteo borealis harlani (Audubon)

Bladen (2)	Feb. 23, 1947	Mar. 21, 1946
Lincoln (2)	Jan. 8, 1944	Mar. 22, 1931
Red Cloud (4)	Jan. 3, 1937	Mar. 1, 1938

Northern Red-shouldered Hawk

Buteo l. lineatus (Gmelin)

Bladen (1)	Feb. 25, 1949	
Crete (1)	Apr. 21, 1949	
Fairbury (2)	May 3, 1933	May 22, 1926
North Platte (1)	Mar. 14, 1939	
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	May 12, 1935	
Omaha (7)	Jan. 18, 1944	May 31, 1942

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Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo p. platypterus (Vieillot)

Chadron (1)	Mar. 5, 1949	
Fairbury (3)	Mar. 5, 1930	Apr. 26, 1934
Hastings (6)	Apr. 19, 1938	May 17, 1947
Lincoln (4)	Mar. 17, 1926	Apr. 17, 1943
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Apr. 16, 1935	
Omaha (14)	Apr. 4, 1948	May 21, 1933
Red Cloud (5)	Mar. 17, 1940	May 16, 1939
Stapleton (1)	Mar. 19, 1937	

Swainson's Hawk

Buteo swainsoni Bonaparte

Antelope County (1)	Apr. 18, 1949	
Aurora (1)	May 4, 1949	
Bladen (4)	Feb. 1, 1947	Apr. 15, 1946
Blue Springs (2)	Apr. 29, 1948	May 4, 1947
Brady (2)	Jan. 7, 1948	Jan. 14, 1949
Brule (3)	Apr. 19, 1947	Apr. 21, 1948
Fairbury (1)	Apr. 5, 1943	
Hastings (20)	Feb. 20, 1933	May 17, 1947
Lincoln (11)	Mar. 22, 1931	May 26, 1943
North Platte (6)	Feb. 14, 1948	Apr. 26, 1939
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Mar. 15, 1936	Apr. 20, 1935
Omaha (1)	May 8, 1943	
Red Cloud (9)	Jan. 28, 1928	May 8, 1935
Stapleton (11)	Apr. 6, 1948	Apr. 22, 1947
Superior (1)	Apr. 26, 1927	

American Hough-legged Hawk

Buteo lagopus s. johannis (Gmelin)

Bladen (4)	Jan. 1, 1947	Feb. 12, 1946
Brule (3)	Jan. 2, 1949	Jan. 5, 1947
Hastings (14)	Jan. 14, 1949	May 9, 1942
Lincoln (3)	Feb. 12, 1927	Apr. 10, 1938
North Platte (5)	Jan. 5, 1949	Apr. 13, 1947
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Jan. 1, 1936	Jan. 28, 1935
Omaha (1)	Jan. 26, 1943	
Red Cloud (6)	Jan. 1, 1932	Apr. 27, 1938
Stapleton (10)	Jan. 1, 1937	Jan. 10, 1945

Ferruginous Rough-leg

Buteo regalis (Gray)

Bladen (4)	Jan. 1, 1949	Jan. 20, 1947
Brule (3)	Jan. 1, 1948	Jan. 3, 1947
Fairbury (3)	Apr. 1, 1945	May 2, 1943
Hastings (7)	Jan. 18, 1928	May 14, 1944
Lincoln (2)	Feb. 8, 1927	Apr. 18, 1926

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North Platte (4)	Jan. 2, 1939	Mar. 5, 1937
North Platte-Stapleton (2)	Jan. 1, 1944	Apr. 26, 1935
Omaha (2)	Jan. 17, 1927	Mar. 6, 1926
Red Cloud (1)	May 10, 1936	
Stapleton (10)	Jan. 1, 1937	Jan. 24, 1948

Golden Eagle

Aquila chrysaetos canadensis (Linnaeus)

Bladen (4)	Jan. 1, 1949	Jan. 21, 1948
Brule (3)	Jan. 13, 1947	Jan. 23, 1949
North Platte (4)	Jan. 15, 1938	May 15, 1949
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Jan. 16, 1944	
Omaha (1)	Apr. 24, 1944	
Stapleton (11)	Jan. 1, 1938	Jan. 28, 1939

Northern Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus alascanus Townsend

Bladen (3)	Jan. 10, 1949	Mar. 12, 1948
Brady (1)	Mar. 18, 1949	
Brule (3)	Jan. 4, 1948	Jan. 22, 1949
Chadron (1)	Feb. 29, 1948	
Fairbury (1)	Feb. 12, 1933	
North Platte (5)	Jan. 10, 1941	Mar. 30, 1939
North Platte-Stapleton (2)	Feb. 29, 1936	Mar. 12, 1944
Omaha (3)	Mar. 5, 1941	May. 15, 1927
Red Cloud (1)	Apr. 13, 1927	
Stapleton (4)	Jan. 12, 1938	June 13, 1946

Marsh Hawk

Circus hudsonius (Linnaeus)

Antelope County (1)	Apr. 23, 1949	
Bladen (4)	Jan. 1, 1946	Jan. 10, 1949
Blue Springs (1)	Jan. 1, 1949	
Brady (1)	Apr. 18, 1948	
Brule (3)	Jan. 1, 1947	
Crete (1)	Jan. 1, 1949	
Fairbury (16)	Jan. 1, 1934	May 13, 1933
Hastings (14)	Jan. 1, 1931	Apr. 8, 1934
Lincoln (9)	Jan. 1, 1949	May 3, 1931
North Platte (7)	Jan. 1, 1939	Mar. 7, 1949
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Jan. 1, 1936	Jan. 5, 1935
Omaha (12)	Jan. 1, 1944	Jan. 7, 1933
Red Cloud (6)	Jan. 4, 1942	Apr. 21, 1935
Stapleton (10)	Jan. 1, 1937	Feb. 26, 1949

Osprey

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis (Gmelin)

Bladen (1)	Apr. 7, 1948	
Brady (2)	Jan. 26, 1949	Feb. 13, 1948
Brule (1)	Apr. 26, 1947	
Fairbury (4)	Feb. 20, 1948	May 9, 1933
Hastings (3)	Feb. 14, 1942	Apr. 16, 1944
Lincoln (2)	Apr. 25, 1936	Apr. 27, 1931
North Platte (1)	May 14, 1949	
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	May 4, 1944	
Omaha (7)	Apr. 8, 1943	May 25, 1941
Stapleton (1)	May 15, 1946	

Black Gyr Falcon

Falco rusticolus obsoletus Gmelin

Brule (1)	Jan. 10, 1947
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Prairie Falcon

Falco mexicanus Schlegel

Bladen (4)	Jan. 1, 1949	Feb. 2, 1946
Brule (3)	Jan. 4, 1948	Mar. 15, 1949
Hastings (3)	Mar. 3, 1928	Mar. 22, 1948
Lincoln (1)	May 6, 1944	
North Platte (2)	Jan. 3, 1939	Jan. 11, 1937
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Jan. 7, 1944	Mar. 25, 1936
Red Cloud (10)	Jan. 1, 1941	Apr. 20, 1935
Stapleton (10)	Jan. 1, 1937	May 19, 1939

Duck Hawk

Falco peregrinus anatum Bonaparte

Bladen (1)	Mar. 26, 1948	
Hastings (3)	Apr. 16, 1944	May 14, 1927
Lincoln (4)	Feb. 2, 1943	May 21, 1931
North Platte (1)	Mar. 19, 1939	
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	May 5, 1935	
Omaha (1)	Jan. 18, 1941	
Stapleton (5)	Jan. 9, 1937	May 17, 1943

Pigeon Hawk

Falco columbarius sp.

Bladen (2)	Jan. 24, 1947	Feb. 20, 1949
Brady (1)	Apr. 19, 1949	
Brule (3)	Jan. 21, 1948	Mar. 27, 1949
Chadron (2)	Jan. 2, 1947	Feb. 27, 1949
Fairbury (1)	Mar. 15, 1947	

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Hastings (2)	Apr. 7, 1935	May 16, 1941
Lincoln (5)	Jan. 23, 1944	May 29, 1943
North Platte (1)	Apr. 20, 1939	
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Feb. 2, 1935	Apr. 7, 1936
Omaha (4)	Mar. 20, 1945	May 4, 1935
Red Cloud (1)	Apr. 13, 1925	
Stapleton (10)	Jan. 1, 1941	Apr. 8, 1938

Richardson's Pigeon Hawk

Falco columbarius richardsoni Ridgway

Hastings (1)	Feb. 19, 1928
North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Jan. 1, 1936
Stapleton (1)	Mar. 2, 1937

Eastern Sparrow Hawk

Falco sparverius Linnaeus

Antelope County (1)	Mar. 24, 1949	
Aurora (1)	May 6, 1949	
Bladen (4)	Jan. 5, 1948	Feb. 23, 1949
Blue Springs (1)	Jan. 15, 1949	
Brady (1)	Jan. 1, 1949	
Brule (3)	Jan. 31, 1948	Mar. 22, 1947
Chadron (1)	Apr. 1, 1947	
Crete (1)	Jan. 1, 1949	
Fairbury (18)	Jan. 1, 1939	May 13, 1933
Hastings (22)	Jan. 1, 1931	Mar. 31, 1940
Lincoln (19)	Jan. 1, 1925	May 6, 1928
North Platte (7)	Jan. 1, 1937	Mar. 16, 1941
North Platte-Stapleton (3)	Jan. 21, 1936	Feb. 17, 1935
Omaha (19)	Jan. 1, 1937	Mar. 15, 1933
Red Cloud (17)	Jan. 29, 1942	Apr. 27, 1930
Stapleton (12)	Jan. 3, 1949	Mar. 18, 1947
Superior (4)	Mar. 10, 1929	Mar. 20, 1927

Desert Sparrow Hawk

Falco sparverius phalaena (Lesson)

North Platte-Stapleton (1)	Jan. 7, 1936
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Doane College, Crete, Nebraska

General Notes

WHOOPING CRANE NOTES.- Whenever the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) appears in Nebraska, it makes news, for state and federal game authorities make an effort to keep check and advise the public not to molest or destroy this species which is so few in number as to border on extinction.

On May 4, 1950 Deputy Conservation Officer, H. B. Guyer, discovered a lone crane near the Platte River at Overton, Nebraska. On May 20, 1950 he followed a report from Bertrand, Nebraska and found one lone Whooping Crane and proceeded to watch it for several days. For about a month it could be found in one of the three shallow ponds in that area. The last time it was observed by Mr. Guyer was June 18 although he made several tours to the Bertrand area to search for it.

Again on July 16, 17, and 18 one lone crane was observed by different people at Bridgeport, Nebraska and positively identified by Edward M. Cassell, Conservation Officer at that place on the 18. It appeared to be feeding on grasshoppers from a hauled-out alfalfa field and frogs from a nearby pond. He continued his observation for five days and found it feeding in the fields and roosting in the river. Since this time no more reports have been noted about this lone unusual guest.

Robert P. Allen, who is now at Tavernier, Florida asks us to watch for fall migrants. According to past reports they may be expected in Nebraska through October with the greatest numbers between October 10 and 25.- Mrs. Archie D. Middleton, Brady, Nebraska.

NOTES FROM KEITH COUNTY.- During the past year several records were obtained which will add more information on the distribution of birds in Nebraska:

A pair of Ferruginous Rough-legged Hawks (*Buteo regalis*) bred northwest of Brule. The nest was on the side of a steep bank in a pasture.

In a marsh in the southwestern part of Keith County two pairs of Virginia Rails (*Rallus limicola*) bred. These birds were seen with their young on July 4, 1950. One pair had seven young and the other, eight.

On April 28, 1950 sixteen Avocets (*Recurvirostra americana*) were seen in a marsh southwest of Brule.

The Willow Thrush (*Hyclocichla fuscescens saliciola*) which is considered to be an uncommon migrant was very common in the spring of 1950.

The peak of the Mountain Blue Bird (*Sialia currucoides*) migration went through Brule on March 27, 1950.

The Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Hedymeles ludovicianus*) which is rapidly spreading westward was identified by me this spring (1950).

The Western Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum perpallidus*) bred in Keith County this year. On June 16, 1950 Mrs. Elmer G. Cole discovered a nest containing five eggs. On June 18, 1950 there were four young in the nest. This bird has always been considered an uncommon breeder in Nebraska. - Harold R. Benckeser, *Brule, Nebraska*.

FALL WHOOPING CRANE NOTES. - Mrs. Harold Carus, Kearney reported to me that she saw a single Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) on October 20, 1950, 12 miles south and 7 miles west of Kearney in Phelps County.

In *The Courier*, a newspaper published at Minden, Nebraska, in the issue for October 19, 1950 there is a report that Dr. Hodson Abbott saw one Whooping Crane south of Minden on October 14, 1950. - Blanche M. Jones (Mrs. A. H.), *Hastings, Nebraska*.

EVENING GROSBEAKS IN HARLAN COUNTY. - On December 3, 1950 a male Evening Grosbeak (*Hesperiphona v. vespertina*) appeared at my bird bath at Orleans, Harlan County. He also appeared on December 4. On December 7 five females appeared and then on December 9 the lone male. All six then came regularly until December 21. Since then I have seen two females on December 23.

Haecker, Moser, and Swenk in the *Check-list of the Birds of Nebraska*, p. 35 state that the Evening Grosbeak is: "An irregular and rare fall to spring visitant over the eastern part of the state." - Mabel I. Melick (Mrs. C. S.) *Orleans, Nebraska*.

FALL MIGRATION RECORDS FOR HASTINGS. - The following are some 1950 fall migration dates for Hastings, Adams County: Avocet, Oct. 19; Mourning Dove, Oct. 6; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Oct. 11; Burrowing Owl, Sept. 24; Brown Creeper, Oct. 22; Brown Thrasher, Oct. 6; Townsend's Solitaire, Oct. 26; Blue Gray Gnatcatcher, Sept. 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet, Oct. 16; Ruby-crowned Kinglet Oct. 6; Blue-headed Vireo, Sept. 26; Orange-crowned Warbler, Oct. 6; Myrtle Warbler, Oct. 28; Black-throated Green Warbler, Oct. 2; Wilson's Warbler, Sept. 8; Brewer's Blackbird, Oct. 16; Arctic Towhee, Oct. 11. - Blanche M. Jones (Mrs. A. H.), *Hastings, Nebraska*.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE IN SALINE COUNTY. - On December 24, 1950 while taking the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the authors observed a Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) on the

Doane College campus. This is the first record for the bird in Saline County.

According to Haecker, Moser, and Swenk in the Check-list of the Birds of Nebraska, p. 28, Townsend's Solitaire is a rare winter visitant in the eastern half of Nebraska.- Janet L. C. Rapp and William F. Rapp, Jr., Crete, Nebraska.

Announcements

Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union

The fiftieth Annual Meeting will be held at North Platte, May 11 and 12. The North Platte Bird Club will be host. Persons desiring to read papers at this meeting should contact Miss Doris B. Gates, 401 South Ash St., North Platte, Nebraska.

Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union

The Executive Committee of the N. O. U. is eager to entertain invitations for the fifty-first Annual Meeting to be held in May 1952. Any bird club or group interested in sponsoring this meeting should contact the Corresponding Secretary.

THE BOBOLINK.



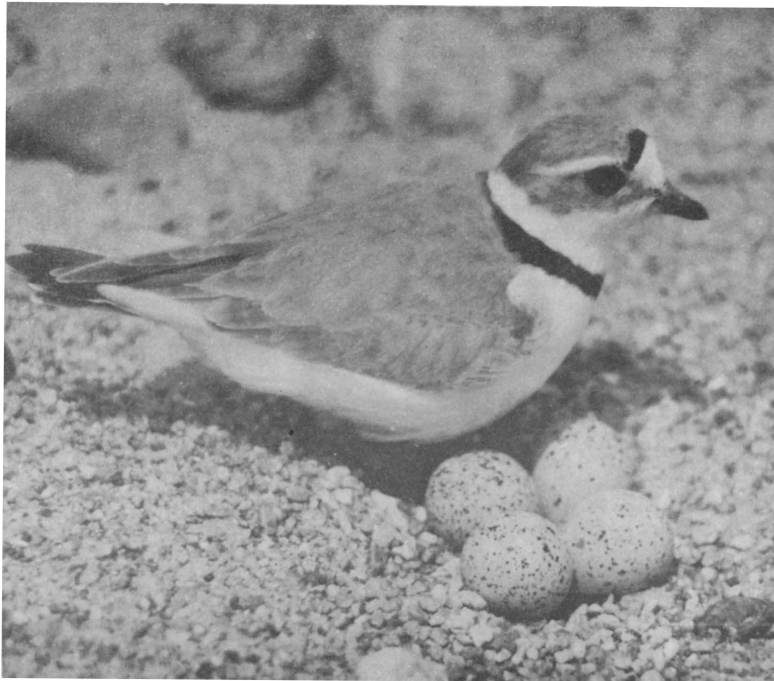


Photo by Roy S. Wycoff

Piping Plover and eggs on a sand bar of the Platte River in Dawson County, near Lexington, Nebraska. Wilson Tout of North Platte, in his book "Lincoln County Birds", reports this bird as a common summer resident and breeder during some years.



Photo by Roy S. Wycoff

Piping Plover setting on its nest as it warily eyes the nearby camera. These pictures were taken with a tripod-mounted camera equipped with a device for remote control of the shutter.

OBITUARY:- MRS. LOUISE GRIER
L. O. Horsky

Mrs. Louise Grier, whose tragic death occurred on November 1, 1950, was a member of our N. O. U. of quite a number of years standing. She was always very active and cooperative in our local N. O. U. activities and attended Annual N. O. U. meetings outside of Omaha whenever she possibly could.

It seems most fitting to republish here the tribute which the associate teachers of Mrs. Grier had published in the editorial column of the Omaha World Herald:

A Tribute to a Fellow Teacher

We wish to pay our affectionate tribute to the memory of Mrs. Louise Grier. She was a lover of all God's creatures. She was at home in the woods and all outdoors. She had a reverent care for flowers. Birds were personal friends to her. She became expert in the knowledge of bird lore and shared her joy in them with children and adults.

She gave unstintingly of her time to her profession of teaching children. Nothing that could help her school was too much trouble for her. She had no thought for personal tribute but took her reward from the pleasure of worthy accomplishment. She rejoiced in the success of her pupils and was happy to stimulate their thinking. She was concerned for each individual and nothing pleased her so much as to see a child become his best real self.

With her staff associates she was modest and unassuming. She never valued herself enough. She loved to laugh and added a sparkle of humor to the lives of those around her. She never forgot a kindness that some one had done for her. She was creative in her living and appreciated this quality in others.

Written by Irene Andrews and signed by fourteen teachers of Carfield and Hawthorne School and their principal, Lucille Jalas.

Book Reviews

AN INTRODUCTION TO BIRDS. By John Kieran. Garden City Publishing Co., Inc. Garden City, 1950: 77 pp. \$2.00

This is a book for beginners. It is not a field guide, but rather a book which will help the beginner learn something about the common birds of North America. One hundred birds are discussed and illustrated with color paintings by Don Eckelberry. If you know some boy or girl who is becoming interested in birds, this book would make a nice gift. -W.F.R.

BIRDS. By Herbert S. Zim and Ira N. Gabrielson. Simon and Schuster. New York, 1949: 157 pp. \$1.00.

The subtitle of this book, "Guide to the Most Familiar American Birds", is an excellent description. The authors claim that over 250 species may be identified with the aid of their book. One hundred and twelve species are illustrated in color by James Gordon Irving. A valuable feature of this book is the series of color maps showing the migration routes and breeding ranges of many of these birds. - W.F.R.

ROBIN REDBREAST. By David Lack. Oxford University Press.
London, 1950: xi and 224 pp.

This book, by one of England's outstanding ornithologists, is an interesting contribution to ornithological literature. It is a miscellany dealing with the robin in English life; i. e. with the bird's unnatural history, not natural history. There are discussions of such familiar stories as "Who Killed Cock Robin?" and many others. There are seven illustrations in color, chiefly from nineteenth century works. - W.F.R.

FAMILIAR BIRDS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST. By Florence Van Vechten Dickey. Stanford University Press. Stanford, California, 1948: xx and 241 pp. \$3.75

This book is written primarily for bird students living in Arizona, New Mexico, and Southern California. It is intended mainly as a field guide and for the area for which it is designed it is adequate. There are one hundred and two color plates, many from photographs. Unfortunately many of the color plates are poorly reproduced. However, if you are planning to visit the Pacific Southwest, this is a handy book to have. - W.F.R.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following is a list of members of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union as of January 1, 1951. The different classes of membership are designated as follows: Honorary members***, Life members**, Sustaining members*, and non-starred are active members. The date indicates the year the person was first elected a member; charter indicates persons elected at the first meeting on December 16, 1899.

Adams, Frederick J., 5103 Webster St., Omaha	1925
Algermissen, Chas. M., 1422 Boswell, Crete	1950
Allen, Harry B., Route 4, Cozad	1937
Allyn, Sarah Elizabeth, Stuart	1950
Anderson, Mrs. Dana, St. Edward	1933
Anderson, Dana, St. Edward	1933
Anderson, Miss Margaret, St. Edward	1949
Anderson, Miss Rose Madeline, St. Edward	1949
Armstrong, J. T., Jr., 306 S. 49th Ave., Omaha	1948
Armstrong, Mrs. Kate, 3205 15th St. Columbus	1950
Ball, Wallace Ray, Ravenna	1950
Bates, Mrs. M. O., 1105 N. Madison, Lexington	1949
Baumgarten, Henry Ernest, Dept. Chem., U. Nebraska, Lincoln	1950
Benckeser, Harold, Box 36, Brule	1945
Birkeland, Henry, Roland, Iowa	1934
Blinco, Mrs. George, 411 Moorhead St., Chadron	1919
Blinco, George, 411 Moorhead St., Chadron	1933
Bopp, Mrs. Gertrude, Champion	1950
Brandhorst, C. T., Science Dept., Concordia College, Seward	1947
Brooking, Mrs. A. M., Hastings Museum, Hastings	1927
*Brooking Bird Club, Hastings	1933
Buffett, Mrs. Fred, 4515 Hickory St., Omaha	1950
Bunny, Loren, Ogallala	1950
Button, Mrs. Lily Ruegg, 616 West 8th St., Fremont	1915
Callaway, Miss Agnes, 806 D St., Fairbury	1925
Callaway, Miss Susie, 806 D St., Fairbury	1925
Campbell, Mrs. Nellie E. 639 South 12th St., Geneva	1950

***Carriker, M. A. Jr., Carrera 21, No. 33-69, Bucaramanga, Columbia, S. A.	Charter
Carson, L. B. 1306 Lincoln, Topeka, Kansas	1950
Carter, Don W., 5328 Walker Ave., Lincoln	1950
Case, Mrs. Joy H., Box 22, Geneva	1950
*Chadron Audubon Club, 431 Cedar St., Chadron	1949
Chapman, Mrs. Glen, Aurora	1927
Chapman, Herman F., 712 S. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, S. D.	1948
Chase, Warren J., Alexandria	1949
Clarke, Mrs. Floyd, 1905 North 54th St., Omaha	1950
*Collister, Mrs. Carl, Route 3, Box 243, Greeley, Colorado	1934
***Condra, Dr. George E., Dept. Conservation & Geology, U. Nebraska, Lincoln	Charter
***Crawford, J. C., Div. Ent., U. S. National Museum, Washington 25, D. C.	Charter
Lamon, David, 2016 Grace St., Fort Worth, Texas	1947
Lawson, Mrs. Fred L., 60th and Mainwood Rd., Omaha	1942
Day, Mrs. Isabelle B., 631 Kansas Avenue, Superior	1923
Day, Miss Marion, 631 Kansas Avenue, Superior	1932
✓ Delfs, Richard M., Stapleton	1950
Douglas, Howard N., 1520 N. 54th St., Omaha 4	1950
✓ Dunlap, Mrs. Merle J., 204 E. 8th St., Lexington	1950
***Eiche, August, 3134 S. 29th St., Lincoln	Charter
Eigsti, W. E., Hastings Museum, Hastings	1947
Ellsworth, Miss Emma, 6331 No. 32nd St., Omaha	1925
Ellsworth, Miss Mary, 6331 No. 32nd St., Omaha	1917
Fabrique, Mrs. H. L., Nelson	1933
*Ferguson, William, 5907 Mason St., Omaha	1944
**Fichter, Er. Edson, Dept. Zoo., Idaho State College, Pocatella, Idaho	1946
Fisher, Miss Delia, Geneva	1950
Fleming, Mrs. Ruth M., 3100 Leighton Ave., Lincoln	1935
Flynn, Mrs. Mary Alice, Box 85, Ulysses	1950
Fodor, Joseph, Furwell	1950
Follmer, Miss Katherine, Oak	1949
*Fox, Adrian C., Box 1451, Lincoln	1946
Franzen, Mattie M., 2417 Ave., Scottsbluff	1950
Galloway, Leo A., Fullerton	1949
Gates, Miss Doris B., 401 South Ash, North Platte	1937
Gates, Leroy M., Box 296, Peru	1913
Gembol, Robert Vance, 3219 8th., Columbus	1949
*Gifford, Dr. Harold, 1620 Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha	1930
*Gilbert, Paul T., 1600 South 22 St., Lincoln	1950
✓ Glandon, Earl W., Stapleton	1933
Glass, Leslie, Ashby Lumber Co., Ashby	1949
✓ Goodall, Mrs. B. A., 3rd and Main Sts., Ogallala	1946
Grier, Mrs. Arthur, 3622 South 20th St., Omaha	1939
Griffin, Miss Verneil E., 320 So. Locust St., Grand Island	1945
Gulotta, Mrs. Wilhelmina, 1925 N. Main St., Fremont	1944
Gwynn, Jack Varley, 3810 A. St. Lincoln	1950
Halbert, Miss Bernice N., 4717 Baldwin, Lincoln	1950
Hanson, Miss Mary Louise, 741 S. 31st St., Lincoln 8	1949
Harden, Mrs. Florence H., Liberty	1949
Heineman, Mrs. Paul T., 523 N. 6th, Plattsmouth	1933
Held, Mrs. Donald, Elsmere	1950
Heller, Miss Carmen, 408 W. 3rd St., North Platte	1937

Hilton, Mrs. D. C., 2500 Woodcrest, Lincoln	1946
Hitch, Gladys, 4902 Walker Ave., Lincoln	1949
***Hole, Mrs. H. F., 2041 Walnut St., Boulder, Colorado	1919
Holly, Miss Bertha, 922 6th St., Fairbury	1927
Holmgren, E. J., 3630 N. 83rd St., Omaha 4	1945
Homan, Mrs. Jessie, 2759 F St., Lincoln 8	1950
Hopkins, T. James, Weeping Water	1950
*Horsky, Mrs. L. O., 5952 Franklin St., Omaha	1933
*Horsky, L. O., 5952 Franklin St., Omaha	1910
Houser, Mrs. George, 1010 W. Koenig St., Grand Island	1945
Hudson, Dr. George E., State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington	1933
— Huntley, Clarence W., Box 36, Brule	1950
Hupp, Mrs. Alice Hyde, 4717 Baldwin Ave., Lincoln	1946
Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Eleanor, Route No. 1, Crete	1950
Johnston, Mrs. H. C., 856 Idaho St., Superior	1919
Jones, Mrs. A. H., 1114 No. Denver Ave., Hastings	1924
*Jones, Mrs. A. M., 1015 No. Joe Ave., Hastings	1927
***Jones, E. H., Route 1, Box 582, Port Blakely, Washington	Charter
Kassing, David, 717 No. 9th., Beatrice	1950
Kelly, Cleo B., Bristow	1950
Kinch, Miss Carol, 906 N. Grant, Lexington	1947
Kirk, Mrs. George W., Plainview	1950
Krohn, Miss Bertha, 1837 C St., Lincoln	1933
Larson, Goodman K., 310 W. 16th St., Grand Island	1948
Lionberger, Mrs. Earle L., 537 Kansas Ave., Superior	1925
***Loveland, Mrs. G. A., River Road, Norwich, Vermont	1901
Ludden, Miss Carrie, 723 W. 24th St., Kearney	1941
Lueshen, Mrs. John, Wisner	1947
Marsh, William, 4157 Davenport St., Omaha	1933
*Marx, Donald G., Concordia Teachers College, Seward	1950
Maunder, Miss Vera, 818 Ash Ave., Hastings	1933
McCabe, Arthur, North Platte	1950
McDonald, Miss Jeanette, 4911 Davenport, Omaha	1950
McKillip, Mrs. L. H., 149 No. 1st., Seward	1919
Middleton, Mrs. Archie, Brady	1947
Miller, Marilyn Ann, Diller	1950
Mills, Miss Catherine, Box 43, Rushville	1950
Mills, Mrs. Loren, 1947 South St., Lincoln 4	1946
Mohler, Levi L., 1000 S. 35th St., Lincoln	1944
Moos, Louis, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Box 713, Lincoln	1949
Moser, Mrs. R. Allyn, R. F. D. No. 1, Benson Station, Omaha 4	1941
**Moser, Dr. R. Allyn, R. F. D. No. 1, Benson Station, Omaha 4	1935
Newell, Wallace, Powell	1946
***Niedrach, Robert J., Colorado Museum of Natural History, Denver, Colorado	1932
***Oberholser, Dr. H. C., 2933 Berkshire Road, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland 18, Ohio	1924
Packard, Robert Lewis, 2557 Van Dorn, Lincoln	1949
Patton, Mrs. F. J., Blue Springs	1937
***Pearse, Dr. A. S., Dept. Zoo., Duke University, Durham, North Carolina	Charter
Pearson, Clyde E., Genoa	1949
Perkins, Mrs. S. A., 1305 South 52nd St., Omaha 6	1940
Petersen, Mrs. A. A., Scribner	1948
***Pettingill, Dr. Okin Sewall, Jr., Dept. Zoo. Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota	1947

*Pritchard, C. G., Wildlife Bldg., Fair Grounds, Lincoln	1948
**Rapp, William F., Jr., Doane College, Crete	1947
Richardson, Mrs. Charles, 3091 3rd St., Boulder, Colorado	1924
Ritchey, Mrs. O. W., Davenport	1950
Sather, J. Henry, Valentine	1950
Schneider, Mrs. Helen Ann, 3277 C St., Lincoln	1950
Sears, Dr. S. S., 1117 Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha	1946
Seabury, Mrs. George, Plainview, Nebraska	1948
Shreve, Dr. Leo B., 1023 Sharp Bldg., Lincoln	1950
Smith, Carl E., Halsey	1945
Smith, Gale William, 221 South 29th St., Lincoln	1950
*Smith, Mrs. George O., 1837 C St., Lincoln	1923
Stipsky, Joseph E., Box 165, Hooper	1928
Stoltenberg, O. L., Florence Station, Omaha	1939
Sturmer, Mary, P. O. Box 215, Beatrice	1950
***Sutton, Dr. George M., Museum Zoo., U. Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan	1941
**Swenk, Mrs. Myron H., 2435 A St., Lincoln	1932
Taylor, Mrs. Lauretta Reid, 622 W. 26th St., Kearney	1950
Thomas, Mrs. Dwight, 2840 No. 56 St., Lincoln 4	1933
Thorson, Thomas B., University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	1949
Tout, Miss Rebecca, Box 678, North Platte	1942
***Tout, Wilson, Box 678, North Platte	Charter
Towl, Roy N., 506 So. 57th St., Omaha	1937
Towne, Miss Mary A., 1502 No. 54 St., Omaha	1932
***Towne, George L., 1935 A St., Lincoln	Charter
Trine, Mrs. Lida, 342 West 2nd Ave., Red Cloud	1950
*Turner, Harold, Route 2, Bladen	1933
Urbach, Gloyd Dale, 1140 South Greenwich, Grand Island	1950
Velich, Ralph, 5212 So. 23, Omaha	1937
Viehmeyer, Glenn, North Platte	1935
Wagner, Mrs. H. J., 818 E. Boulder St., Colorado Springs, Colorado	1949
Wake, Miss Mary Ann, 816 E. 18th St., Scottsbluff	1937
Waring, Mrs. Robert B., 422 North 11th St., Geneva	1949
*Watson, Lucius H., 4103 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln 6	1917
Watson, Mrs. Raymond A., 137 University, Hastings	1949
Whitmus, Mrs. Gladys Bell, 2844 S. 41 St., Lincoln	1949
*Wilcox, W. LeRoy, 622 No. 38th St., Omaha	1940
Winter, Miss Bertha C., 1004 E. Street, Apt. A., Lincoln	1946
✓ Wisda, Mrs. E. L., 1413 North Lincoln, Lexington 10/24/50	1950
Witschy, Mrs. Ray J., 2103 Avenue F., Scottsbluff	1950
✓ Wycoff, Dr. Ray Sheppard, 106 W. 7th St., Lexington	1949
Youngblood, Mrs. F. L., P. O. Box 193, Hastings	1945
Youngworth, William, 3119 East Second St., Sioux City, Iowa	1950
***Zimmer, Dr. John T., American Museum of Natural History, 79th St. and Central Park West, New York 24, New York	1907

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